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Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PE ROW) Alternatives Analysis

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Presentation Purpose

Overview of:

- Project Background
- Public Participation
- Summary of June Community Meetings
- Initial Set of Alternatives
- Upcoming Community Meetings
- Next Steps



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Project Background

Purpose

- Identify a locally preferred transportation strategy
- Use an existing resource (the right-of-way) to provide transportation improvements for corridor communities

Cooperative effort

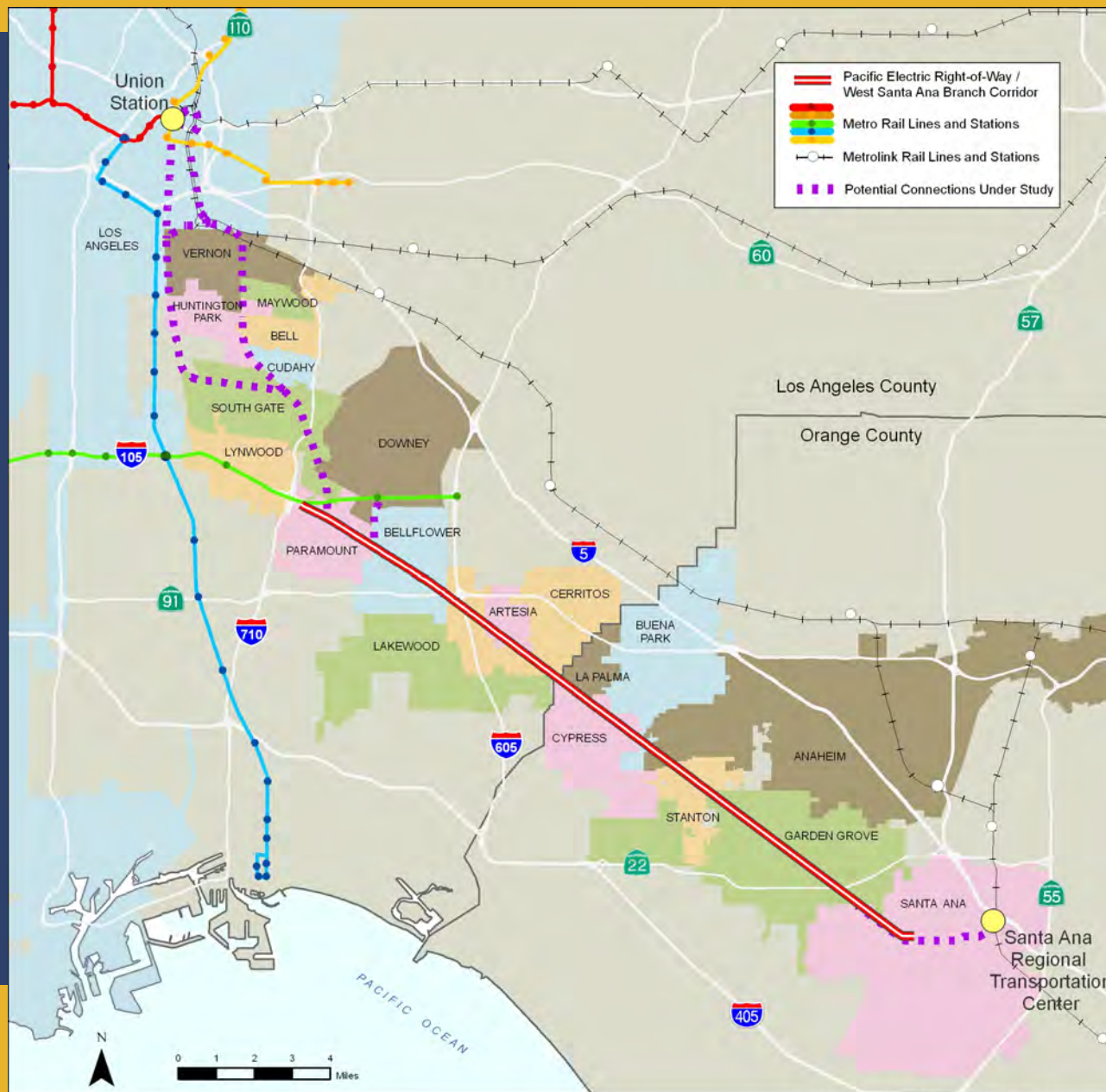
- Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
- Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)
- Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)
- Metro and OCTA to decide whether/how to move project forward



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Study Area Map

- Pacific Electric Right-of-Way extends 20 miles from Paramount to Santa Ana
- Study will evaluate connections to:
Los Angeles
Union Station &
Santa Ana
Regional
Transportation
Center



Sources: SCAG, TeleAtlas

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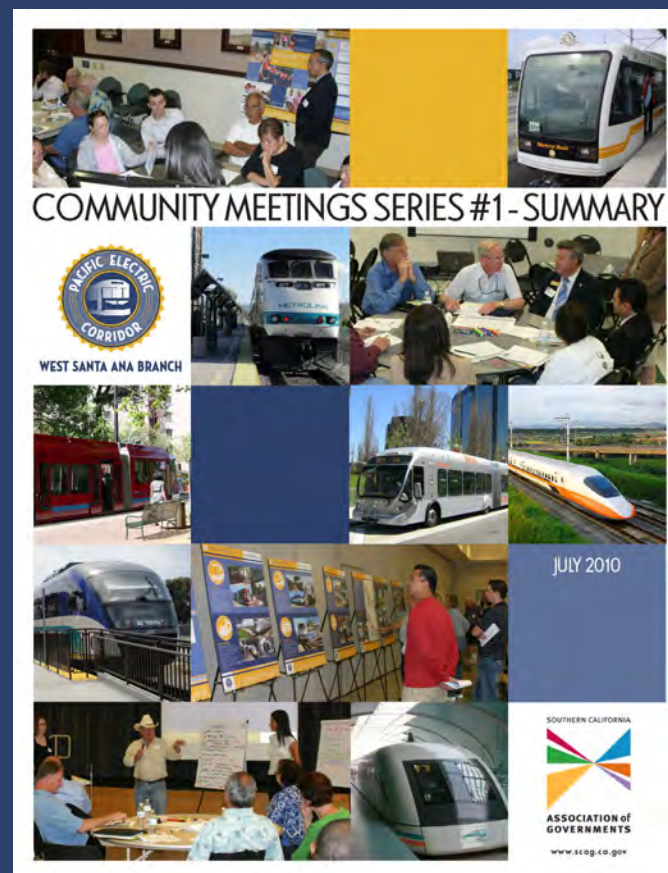


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Public Participation

Participation includes:

- Elected Official and Stakeholder Briefings
- Steering Committee Meetings
- Technical Advisory Committee Meetings
- Community Meetings (three rounds)
 - First round summary report at www.pacificelectriccorridor.com





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Community Meetings – First Round Summary

Top transportation challenges and issues:

- Existing and future highway and freeway congestion constrain travel
- Lack of alternatives to the automobile
- Lack of connection to the regional transit system
- Transit usage faces challenges
- Improve bicycle and pedestrian access





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Community Meetings – First Round Summary (cont.)

Possible solutions:

- Interest in implementing transit service
 - Concern over potential negative impacts
- Support for rail alternative
- Support for linear pedestrian/bicycle facility
- Interest in related economic development/revitalization opportunities





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Purpose and Need

Underlying needs support the provision of transportation improvements in the study corridor:

- Large share of regional population & employment
 - 4.5 million population today, 5.1 million in 2035 (+12%)
 - 2.2 million jobs today, 2.3 million in 2035 (+4%)
- High population & employment densities
 - Two to five times higher than county averages
- Highway system operating at or beyond capacity
- Limited connections to regional transit system
- Significant transit dependent population



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Purpose and Need (cont.)

Investment in a high-capacity transportation improvement would accomplish the following:

- Provide a new, more effective travel option
- Provide connections to the regional transit system
- Improve access to corridor activity centers
- Support local plans for economic development and community revitalization
- Improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Provide cross-county line transit service



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Alternatives Analysis Screening Process





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Initial Set of Alternatives

To be evaluated in Initial Screening:



No Build



Streetcar



Transportation
Systems
Management



Light Rail Transit



Bus Rapid
Transit



Multiple Unit/Sprinter



High Speed Rail

- Conventional
- Maglev



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Community Meetings

Results of Initial Screening Presented on:

- Tue. Nov. 16, 6:30-8:30pm – Paramount
- Tue. Nov. 23, 6:30-8:30pm – Cerritos
- Wed. Dec. 1, 6:30-8:30pm – Huntington Park
- Thu. Dec. 2, 6:30-8:30pm – Garden Grove
- Tue. Dec. 7, 6:30-8:30pm – Cypress
- Sat. Dec. 11, 1:00-3:00pm – Stanton



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Schedule

Schedule through Fall 2011:

- Present and Discuss Initial Screening Results October – December 2010
- Identify Final Set of Alternatives January 2011
- Final Screening and Study Recommendations January – Fall 2011

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